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## Extended to November 1st

The Government has granted an extension to November 1st on the time when all subscriptions shall be paid in advance or papers discontinued, at which time it is imperative on our part to comply with this rule. If your paper has a blue cross in the square at the head of this article, it signifies that your subscription has or will expire on or before November 1st. We have but a few left who have not paid, and are anxious that those come into the fold, for we do not wish to discontinue a single subscriber and hope we may not be compelled to.

REMEMBER THE DATE, NOVEMBER 1st.

## JACKIE BAND COMES SUNDAY

Sailor Music-Makers From the Great Lakes Station Will Make Visit Here.

## IN ST. LOUIS TWO HOURS

Two Big Concerts in Alma—Vandenberg and Fenton to Give Addresses.

It was announced Monday at the Gratiot Liberty Loan headquarters in Alma that a telegram had been received announcing that the Jackie band would be in Alma and St. Louis Sunday, October 6.

The recent trip of the Jackies through Michigan, which would have brought them through Gratiot county Tuesday, was cancelled owing to influenza, which has been raging in the army and navy training camps and stations, making it impossible for the Jackies to visit Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma as had been planned. The Liberty band was substituted to carry out the program Tuesday, but the county will now be given the opportunity to hear a real live Jackie band with a large number of Jackies in it.

The telegram which announced that the Jackie band would be in Alma Sunday also contained the announcement that Vandenberg of the Grand Rapids Herald and F. R. Fenton of the Chicago Federal Reserve bank would be here to make addresses.

As announcement has been made that automobiles can be used on Sunday in Liberty Loan business, the committee feels that automobiles can be used by those who wish to come to Alma Sunday and hear the Jackies, as it will be within keeping of the ruling, in view of the fact that it is hoped to make a bond purchaser of everyone who comes to Alma to hear the band. The committee does ask, however, that the users of automobiles Sunday, coming to Alma to hear the band, use them just as little as possible, thus keeping within the spirit of the gasless Sunday rule.

Arrangements have been made whereby the Jackies will appear in St. Louis, from 9:00 until 11:00 a. m. Sunday. They will then return to Alma and in the afternoon will give a concert on the corner of State and Superior streets at 3:00.

The pastors of the city will give up the evening church services Sunday and join in joint meetings at the M. E. and Presbyterian churches.

A. H. Vandenberg, editor of the Grand Rapids Herald, will speak in one church and F. R. Fenton in the other. The Jackies will give concerts in each church during the evening. These meetings will start at 7:30.

## IN THE SERVICE

Dr. Hubbard, Well Known Physician, Leaves for Army.

Dr. M. C. Hubbard of Vestaburg, one of Montcalm county's well-known physicians, who recently enlisted in the Medical Reserve corps, has received a commission as a first lieutenant and last week was called into the service. His orders called for him to report for duty at Louisville, Kentucky.

Lieutenant Hubbard went to Vestaburg twelve years ago, after having graduated from the Detroit College of Medicine, and started his profession at that place.

Wednesday evening of last week numerous friends of Lieutenant and Mrs. Hubbard met at their home to give the doctor farewell. The evening was enjoyably spent, and refreshments were served. Rev. R. J. Bartlett in a few well chosen words presented Dr. Hubbard with several dollars for a wrist watch, a present from friends, as a token of the esteem in which he was held.

Rev. Louis Brooke of Howell was in Alma the fore part of the week, attending the formal opening of college held Tuesday.

## REPUBLIC HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholders Met in New York Last Thursday and Elected Directors for Year.

## FUTURE IS VERY PROMISING

Ruggles, Eaton, Burt, Hayes and Rhodes Were Elected as the Officers.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Republic Motor Truck Company Incorporated, was held in New York last Thursday, at which time a statement of the year's business was given, the directors and officers for the year elected.

The statement of the year's business, which was given indicated good earnings during the past twelve months, being a fine showing in spite of the difficulties which are experienced in getting material and in spite of the rapidly rising cost of these materials. It was stated in this connection yesterday by C. G. Rhodes, secretary and treasurer of the company, in an interview with The Record reporter, that the Republic Motor Truck Company Incorporated was producing far more trucks than any other concern, and very nearly as much as the three next largest producers combined, which makes the future outlook of the company very bright.

Following the statement of the year's business the stockholders elected the directors for the coming year. These men are F. W. Ruggles, Francis King and C. G. Rhodes of Alma, T. A. Burt and Henry I. Greene of Urbana, Illinois, J. O. Eaton and James H. Foster of Cleveland, Ohio, A. Harris Ide of Troy, New York, William J. Baxter, Albert Rothbarth and John C. Jay, Jr., of New York City, George W. Moore of Hollywood, California, and N. Crandall of Chicago.

Of the new directors elected John C. Jay, Jr., is the vice president of the Geo. W. Goethals company of New York; James H. Foster is the president of the Hydraulic Pressed Steel company of Cleveland and an influential man in the steel world; J. O. Eaton is the treasurer of the T. J. Egan company of Cleveland. The balance of the directorate of the Republic consists of men of financial influence in the money centers.

Following the election the directors met and elected officers as follows: President and general manager, F. W. Ruggles; 1st vice president, J. O. Eaton; 2nd vice president, T. A. Burt; vice president in charge of production, C. G. Rhodes; secretary and treasurer, C. G. Rhodes.

Mr. Hayes, who is made vice president in charge of production, has been with the company for some years, and through close attention to the affairs of the company has won promotion after promotion, until he has secured this well merited office. Mr. Rhodes also mentioned that H. F. Harris, who has been with the company since the first of the year as industrial engineer, now heads the sales department.

In discussing the immediate future of the business Mr. Rhodes stated that it was on a sound substantial basis and leading in its field and that it would continue to do so, although it might be that some curtailment would be needed owing to governmental demands for steel.

It was made clear that there is no danger of the plant being closed down at any time, as it is certain that governmental demands in the truck line must result in calls for work here, owing to the size of the company. It is now doing a great amount of this work.

## BADLY DEFEATED

Green High School Eleven No Match For Strong Arthur Hill Team.

The Alma high school football team opened the season Saturday, playing the strong Arthur Hill high eleven of Saginaw and suffered a bad defeat, the score being 62 and 0, when the final whistle blew, putting an end to the slaughter.

The Hillites scored half of their points in each half, and left no opening for the locals to score during the entire contest. The Alma team put up a good fight, considering the great lack of experience, but found an interference which it could not smash and a runner in Goldstein, that it could not stop. This Hillite scoring half of his team's touchdowns.

Arthur Hill kicked to Alma to start the battle, and after a couple plays the locals lost the ball on a fumble. Four downs were all that Goldstein needed to carry the ball over the Alma goal for the first counter of the game.

The fumble and its resultant touchdown had much to do with the showing of the locals, who lost courage when this touchdown went over. However they continued to fight against the overwhelmingly stronger team, and attracted considerable praise from the way they found to stave off the rushes of the heavy Hillite eleven.

Smoke the best,—"Wanigans,"—62 for State Troop night. Wear coifs.

## WANT TANK NAMED ALMA

It has been announced that the seven towns in the Seventh Federal Reserve District, which go over the top with the greatest percentage on the Fourth Liberty Loan, will have an army tank named after them.

This has decided, not only County Chairman Robinson, but the entire county and city committee to send Alma way over with her quota, and to get a tank.

It means that a flood of additional subscriptions are needed and the committees, which are now soliciting are reporting some fine progress in the work and a large amount will be added to the sum raised by the volunteering of the first three days.

A tank named Alma, is possible, and every effort will be made to achieve the results that are needed.

## ENSIGN AMMI WRIGHT LANCASTIRE IS DEAD

Former Alma Boy Died of Influenza in Naval Hospital Last Friday.

Ensign Ammi Wright Lancashire, the only son of James Henry and Sarah (Wright) Lancashire, died at the United States Naval hospital in Philadelphia, Friday afternoon at 2:30, following a week's illness with Spanish influenza.

Ammi W. Lancashire was born in Saginaw, June 27, 1887, but spent most of his boyhood and youth in Alma, in the beautiful home erected by his parents on State street. He was educated at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and at Yale University, graduating scientific in 1911.

He began his business life very shortly thereafter, becoming connected with the Old Detroit National Bank. Later he severed his connection and went with the Detroit Trust company.

He entered the government service (naval censorship) July 5th, 1917, but catching the inspiration of sacrifice, prepared for duty in the navy, saying "No bombardment position for me" and was commissioned ensign and on July 6, 1918, was ordered for duty on the Kansas, cruising in American waters, being the choice for one of the two assignments out of a company of thirty-six. Having been granted a short leave of absence his father met him on shipboard at Philadelphia on the 19th of September but the next day he was taken down with Spanish influenza and presently removed to the U. S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia. No fears of a fatal issue were entertained but Dr. H. A. Hare and Dr. Judson DeLand, noted specialists, were called in consultation with Dr. Clifford of the hospital. Thursday night he grew worse and all that wealth, love and the most expert physicians could do was unavailing. With his parents and youngest sister, Lila, by his side, he passed away Friday, Sept. 27, at 2:30 p. m.

Two officers of the Kansas were detailed as escort to accompany the remains to the funeral in Detroit on Monday the 30th. Rev. J. M. Barkley, D. D., delivered a sincere, tender and strong sermon on "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." The bier was draped with an American flag sent by the government and surrounded with a great profusion of beautiful flowers. A naval officer with six ensigns for bearers and twenty marines as escorts headed the funeral cortege. After an impressive prayer by Dr. Barkley at the grave, the marines stepped to the brink and at command fired three salutes, the bugler sounded taps.

"How sleep the brave who sink to rest By all their country's wishes blest!" Among the many present from different parts of the country, Alma was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Francis King, Mr. Wm. A. Bahlke, Dr. H. M. Crooks, Dr. J. T. Ewing and Lester A. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Lancashire, have a host of friends in this city, who extend their sympathy, with the great loss which has come to them. They also feel proud of their acquaintance with the self-sacrificing young man, who yielded up everything that life holds most dear to make the great sacrifice for his country and for humanity.

## NEW BUILDING AT REPUBLIC

The erection of a new building at the Republic was started last Friday, near the loading docks, and it will have a capacity for housing two hundred Republic trucks. Trucks awaiting shipment will be stored in this building until shipped out.

The rapid growth of the export department made the erection of the building a necessity.

One of the loading tracks and two of the docks will be covered by the structure when it is completed, as well as the approaches to the two loading docks.

All Red Cross ladies are requested to be at the city hall Friday evening at 7:30 to participate in the parade for State Troop night. Wear coifs.

## COLLEGE HAS A BIG ATTENDANCE

Students' Army Training Corps at the Institution Attracts Many New Men.

## ATHLETICS ARE GIVEN UP

Extra Time is Needed for Military Drill by the Student Soldiers.

Alma college opened on Tuesday of this week with the largest enrollment in the history of the institution, the formation of a unit of the Students' Army Training Corps at the college being the one big reason, for the large attendance, which has surpassed all previous records.

It is still impossible to give the exact number of students enrolled at the college this year, but it is very probable that the number is in excess of two hundred and twenty-five. It is expected that this number will be increased somewhat before the week is over.

The number of those attending the college was cut down somewhat when word was received that only men registered in the September draft registration, would be eligible to membership in the students' Army Training Corps. Several men, over twenty-one, who had registered in a previous draft, were here to enter college, but changed their minds when word of the ruling went forth.

It is estimated that there are about the same number of girls in college as were enrolled last year, the number being about one hundred. This means that there are from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and thirty young men enrolled, almost all of them being members of the S. A. T. C., who are enlisted men in the United States army and subject to military discipline.

At 11:00 a. m. Tuesday the formal opening took place when the young men of the college were drawn up on the campus before the flag pole and swore allegiance to the flag, after which the orders of the day were read to the men by Lieutenant Charles Robinson, who is in charge of the training at the college. President H. M. Crooks of the college gave a short address to the men, following the reading of the orders, in which he laid special stress upon the work that they were called upon to do.

Shortly afterwards the Liberty band from Mt. Pleasant, with the state troops of Alma and Ithaca and some loan speakers, arrived on the campus and a short loan program was given. This program was cut short owing to the late arrival of the bond speakers.

It became known yesterday that athletics would play very little part in the college life this year, and while not officially announced, it is now certain that football will be given up at the college this year, because the time for practice is not available, owing to the demands for training. It is expected that all M. I. A. A. colleges will drop football.

## INJURED BY AUTO

Wilmer Knoetzer Struck by Automobile Saturday Night.

Wilmer Knoetzer, the twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Knoetzer of this city, was very painfully injured Saturday night when he was struck by an automobile driven by the young son of Mr. and Mrs. William Knudsen.

The Knoetzer lad was riding his bicycle and was on his way home when the accident took place. He had started to turn the corner at State and Superior streets, when he saw the approaching automobile. The driver of the car saw him about the same time, but the two were so close together that Knoetzer was unable to get out of the way.

The automobile struck him, knocking him away from the car, so that his bicycle was between the automobile and the lad. The automobile ran over the wheel, and smashed it down to a considerable extent. The lad was pinned under the wheel in such a way that he could not get out of the way, and was run over. He was seriously injured just above the left hip.

The automobile was quickly brought to a stop and the Knoetzer lad picked up by a witness of the accident and taken home, and medical attention summoned, when it was found that he was suffering from some severe internal injuries, and also the gift of his daughter, Sarah Lancashire. The commission will also have the power to lay out, establish, enlarge, vacate or discontinue public grounds and parks within the city and to improve, light, and ornament the same, and regulate the care thereof.

## CONSTRUCT ADDITION

The Superior Bakery is constructing a new addition to its plant on East Superior street, which will add considerable more room to the plant, which it is now badly in need of, to facilitate the handling of bread for shipping, and to allow for offices on the first floor.

The new addition will be one story in height, 34x20 feet, and constructed of paving brick of the same kind that the first unit of the factory was constructed of.

## DIED IN SERVICE

Alma Men Taken Ill in Army and Navy Service Pass Away.

Quartermaster Melvin C. Schlappi, the son of George and Enice Schlappi of this city, died Friday at the Great Lakes Training station, following a short illness from influenza, at the age of sixteen years.

He was born in Tustin, July 29, 1902, and with his parents moved to this city in 1911, and in the same year united with the Christian church here.

He enlisted in the United States navy, July 22, 1918, and since that time had been training at Great Lakes. During the short time he was in the service he was promoted to quartermaster.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a father, a mother, one sister, a grandmother and many other friends.

The funeral was held here Monday afternoon, Rev. Raim officiating. The Alma State Troops attended the funeral in a body.

Corporal Ruben Root, who has been in training at Fort Sheridan and of late at Camp Hancock, Georgia, died at that camp Friday night, following a short illness. He was 23 years of age at the time of his death.

Before going into the service, he had been a chemist at the sugar factory here for about four years, living here with his mother until she moved to her farm northwest of Alma this spring.

The body arrived in Alma Wednesday morning, and the funeral services were held immediately after, Rev. Fr. O'Toole officiating. The body was taken to Mt. Pleasant for burial.

## COMMISSION WILL HAVE SOME BROAD POWERS

Authority over Health, Policing, Markets and Building Vested in Commissioners.

Chapter twenty-one of the proposed charter, to be voted upon here in November provides for the enforcement of ordinances, and provides that prosecutions shall be commenced within two years after the commission of the offense. Warrants, etc., will be as at present.

Chapter twenty-two provides for the policing of the city. It says that the commission may provide for a police force and for the employment by the city manager of such a number of policemen and night watchmen as are deemed necessary for the good government of the city, and such special police as may be needed at various times. The duties of the police are given, but will not be mentioned as everyone is familiar with their duties.

The mayor will have power to suspend any policeman on complaint in writing and under oath of any citizen or on his own motion for a period of not exceeding thirty days, for neglect of duty, misconduct, etc. The police may be dismissed in a like manner after a hearing as provided for appointive officers.

The commission will have the power to provide and maintain a city prison.

Chapter twenty-three which takes up public health provides that the commission may enact all ordinances needed for the protection of the health of the inhabitants of the city, power to remove nuisances, etc. It will also have the power to purchase land and erect hospitals, pest-houses or quarantine buildings, and provide for the appointment of officers, need attendants, etc. The commission will have all powers for the city conferred on boards of health under the laws of the state, so far as applicable.

In chapter twenty-four the charter provides for pounds, giving the commission power to establish, etc., and provide for poundmasters, authorize impounding of beasts, etc.

In chapter twenty-five the city commission will be given the power to establish and regulate markets and market places for the sale of meats, fish, vegetables and other needed provisions, to provide for the time of opening and closing, etc. It will also have the power to adopt such rules as are needed to prevent fraud and preserve order in the markets, etc.

Public buildings, grounds and parks are taken up in chapter twenty-six. It provides that the city may acquire, purchase and erect all such public buildings as may be required for the use of the corporation, and may acquire, appropriate and own such real estate as may be necessary for public grounds, parks, markets, public buildings, etc.

It provides that it shall be the special duty of the commission to maintain Wright park, so named after its donor, A. W. Wright, and also the lands adjacent which were the gift of his daughter, Sarah Lancashire. The commission will also have the power to lay out, establish, enlarge, vacate or discontinue public grounds and parks within the city and to improve, light, and ornament the same, and regulate the care thereof.

All persons desiring to enroll in the night school to be conducted at the high school building are requested to meet at the high school room Monday evening at 7:30.

## LOAN CAMPAIGN IS UNDER WAY

Good Results in Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma From the Volunteer System.

## REPUBLIC FEATURES LOAN

Flood of Subscriptions From Plant Aids Alma Greatly in Effort to Reach Quota.

The first three days of the Liberty Loan campaign in Gratiot county, in which the volunteer system was tried out for the first time, were highly successful, over \$300,000 being subscribed for the loan, with money being paid on these subscriptions. In addition to this was a total of \$85,000 subscribed by the employees of the Republic Motor Truck, which has not been counted, because the first payment on these pledges will be taken from the first pay of the men, following the pledging, and this payment has not yet been made.

If the amount from the Republic plant is counted in, the county has over a third of the amount that it is called upon to raise in the Fourth Liberty Loan, and as the pledges will be made good as the money is taken from the pay envelopes, it is certain that these pledges will stand.

As was to be expected the city of Alma led in the amount and number of the pledges made during the three volunteer days, the city rolling up a total of \$85,000 without the subscriptions from the Republic plant, which will not be counted in the Alma total until money is paid upon them. Every other community in the county that tried the volunteer system did itself proud. St. Louis, Ithaca and Sumner, in particular, did better than had been expected they would do, and the county committee, and indeed every resident of the county, now thoroughly believes that Gratiot will go over the top with its quota of \$883,258.00.

Tuesday a house to house canvass of every community and township in the county was put under way, and it will be an intensive one until the end of the three week campaign. Every person in the county will be given an opportunity of subscribing, and every person, who is able to do so will be expected to take a bond in proportion to their means. Those who fail to do this will be reported to the committee and an investigation will be made in regard to the ability of such people to purchase bonds.

Tuesday a tour of Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma was made by the Liberty band of Ithaca county, which had been secured to take the place of the Jackie band which was to have played in the three places on that day. The spread of influenza in the various camps of the country necessitated the calling off of the tour of the Jackies and the Gratiot county committee immediately got busy and secured the Liberty band. The Alma State Troops and Ithaca Home Guards, members of the county committee and some good speakers were in each of the three places where rousing meetings were held.

In the afternoon the State Troops of Alma and the Liberty band staged a parade through the main streets of Alma, and this was followed by an address at the corner of State and Superior by Rev. Duffey, in behalf of the loan. Following this strong appeal for subscribers to the loan, the State Troops of this city gave an exhibition drill on State street.

The Republic with its \$85,000 volunteered is already over the top with its quota. When the report was made to Chicago, the following telegram was sent to President Ruggles by F. R. Fenton, Federal Reserve Director of Sales for Michigan:

"President Ruggles, "Chicago, Ill., "Republic Motor Truck Co. Inc., "Alma, Michigan. "Chairman Robinson has just advised splendid subscription made by your company to the Fourth Liberty Loan. I well remember your most generous over-subscription to Third Loan and I can only repeat what I said at that time, that your patriotic response to the call of the government is deeply appreciated. Please accept my heartiest congratulations. F. R. Fenton, "Federal Reserve Director of Sales for Mich."

## SQUEEZED BY NECESSITY

Early in the war England realized that women must be called on for many unusual forms of war service. Women doctors especially were needed to attend to the civil population as well as for military hospitals. Every effort was made to have women enter medical schools previously tightly closed to women students. Several American institutions quickly followed England's example and made places for women. Notably among these was the Harvard University Medical department, which broke away from its ancient narrow policy. The latest is the Detroit Institute of Technology, which has opened its doors to women. This course is to be maintained for the "duration of the war." Thus squeezed by necessity, many institutions must abandon principle for expediency.